

CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee

Monday, July 21, 2008 Meeting Report

Attendance: M. Baez, V. Spencer

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by V. Spencer, President of Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

I. Interviews

John Caltagirone (appointment – Legislative Aide Committee)

Mr. Spencer questioned why Mr. Caltagirone was interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Caltagirone replied that he has 25 years experience in State government. He is still active in a part time basis for Dave Kessler. He noted his ability to guide Council with proposed legislation.

Mr. Spencer outlined the appointment process for Mr. Caltagirone.

Aldora Horne (appointment – Fire Diversity Board)

Ms. Baez questioned why Ms. Horne was interested in serving on this board. Ms. Horne replied that her son informed her that this board would be formed.

Ms. Baez questioned if Ms. Horne has served on any other boards. Ms. Horne replied that she has not.

Ms. Baez questioned if Ms. Horne was employed. Ms. Horned noted that he was employed by Reading Hospital and would be available for evening meetings.

Mr. Spencer questioned what Ms. Horne felt was the focus of this board. Ms. Horne noted her belief that the board was formed so that all were treated fairly and equally.

Mr. Spencer reviewed the history of the Police Diversity Board and the Fire Diversity Board. He noted that this board's main focus would be on recruiting. He questioned Ms. Horne about her ability to remain neutral. Ms. Horne replied that she felt she could remain neutral and the lawsuit brought by her son would not interfere in her serving on this board. Mr. Spencer informed Ms. Horne that Fire Chief Rehr also felt that she could serve without there being a conflict of interest.

Mr. Spencer outlined the appointment process for Ms. Horne.

Sonia Nina (appointment – Board of Health, Human Relations Commission, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee)

Ms. Baez questioned if Ms. Nina was currently employed. Ms. Nina replied that she has worked with Family Guidance for four years.

Ms. Baez noted that she has applied for several boards. She questioned Ms. Nina if she had a preference. Ms. Nina noted that she did not.

Ms. Baez questioned why she applied to serve. Ms. Nina replied that she feels there is a low representation of Latinos on City boards.

Ms. Baez questioned what Ms. Nina could contribute to the Board of Health. Ms. Nina noted that she has backgrounds with drug and alcohol addiction, abuse, and dealing with difficult individuals. She noted her patience with people and her willingness to work on mental health issues with the Board of Health.

Mr. Spencer and Ms. Katzenmoyer gave a brief background of the Board of Health.

Mr. Spencer outlined the appointment process for Ms. Nina.

LAND USE

I. Zoning Committee

This will be discussed at the July 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.

II. Riverfront Development Overlay Zoning Amendment

This will be discussed at the August meeting.

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk